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MARION'S OPPORTUNITY

The City and County Alike Will be Benefitted by the Work of

OUR NEW COMMERCIAL CLUB

A few of the citizens of this city met Saturday night to organize a Commercial Club, the purpose of which should be to advance the welfare of this city and county by fostering enterprises and improvements. At the meeting Saturday night the president, two vice-presidents, the secretary and treasurer of the Club were chosen. At that meeting it was ordered that a committee, appointed for the purpose of arranging articles of incorporation and by-laws, should meet and be ready to report Tuesday night, which was another special meeting to further organize. The interest in the contemplated club grew rapidly and Tuesday night there was a splendid and enthusiastic gathering of some of the best business men of the city, ready to assist in the Club movement and its further organization.

At this meeting directors were chosen, who by virtue of their office should serve as the heads of the various committees. The report of the special committee on articles of incorporation and by-laws was adopted.

Another special meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, when the members of the various committees will be announced. The following letters will further explain what is being done.

This city and county is now facing an opportunity which has come to but a very few among the multitudes of counties in the various States and territories comprising the United States, as we have within our borders mineral deposits vast in nature and rich in possibilities—so it is claimed by all of the mining experts who have visited this district—and these mineral deposits undoubtedly offer extraordinary inducements of profitable investment for the purpose of their development.

But few conditions are now lacking to make this district an ideal one for mining operations on an extensive scale, but that these conditions hamper, if they do not altogether block progress in the development of Crittenden county's mineral resources, can not be denied by any one who is fully conversant with the facts. Our most urgent requirements are good roads, then railroads, for the development of the county, and waterworks, then fire protection, for the city. Other improvements and advantages will quickly follow.

To offset or minimize these handicaps to our progress, and then to produce a remedial effect, a Commercial Club has been organized by Marion's progressive citizens; its officers and its precepts have been wisely and indiscriminately chosen; its purposes should now be set forth and so clearly defined to the people that all who desire to aid and participate in the progress of the community may readily see that it will be decidedly to their interest and mutual benefit to either identify themselves directly with the movement or to co-operate with the Club in their endeavor to accomplish the several important purposes for which they have organized.

Any one of the purposes of the organization, as previously mentioned, is worthy of the best efforts of a Business Men's Club, and should enlist the services of the public-spirited residents of the city and county. Therefore, there need be little wonder at the enthusiasm which the movement has caused, or the zeal of its large and rapidly increasing membership, when there are so many good objects for accomplishment.

To make an extended review of the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by the Club is beyond the scope of this article, but the officers and directors chosen, as well as the committees and assignments, are as follows:

Thomas H. Cochran, President;

T. Atchison Frazer, First Vice-President; Robert I. Nunn, Second Vice-President; James E. Chittenden, Secretary; George M. Crider, Treasurer.

Directors—C. E. Weldon, chairman Finance and Membership committee; H. H. Sayre, chairman Entertainment, Arrangement and Building committee; J. M. Freeman, chairman City Development committee; C. S. Nunn, chairman County Development committee; C. H. Whitehouse, chairman Press, Publicity and Promotion committee; Chas. Evans, chairman Public Policy committee.

Dr. Frazer, 1st vice-pres., was assigned chairman of the committee on Ordinance and Resolutions by the president, and Mr. R. I. Nunn, 2nd vice-pres., was assigned chairman of the committee on Mercantile, Manufacturing and Mining.

Judging from the present make-up of the Club—that is its officers and membership, its Constitution and By-Laws—its efforts will be directed into channels which will secure to all people alike many of the advantages which they desire to enjoy, with special favor to no class or kind, provided the Club has the hearty co-operation of all those who will be affected by the needed improvements.

It should be understood from the start that the Club has been organized as much for the benefit of Crittenden county as for Marion, and that it desires to secure among its membership as many as possible of the representative men located throughout the county. As soon as they can be interested sufficiently to work in harmony with the Club, and endorse and strengthen its efforts, then one feature of its work—good roads—will be easy of accomplishment. To secure good, rock-ballasted roadbeds throughout the county would doubtless benefit a greater number of people, both in the county and city, than any other one movement which the Club has endorsed and set about to accomplish.

Like a young man or young woman who has reached the point where it becomes essential or necessary to choose a life vocation and upon which choice depends so largely their success or failure to achieve fame and fortune, happiness or any of the desirable objects in, so Marion and Crittenden county have reached this parting of the ways—an epoch of vast importance which should not be lightly passed by.

The difference between the two extremes of success or failure may be said to consist in the ability or inability of men or women, or of districts, towns, cities or nations, to see and grasp an opportunity then presented, as upon each important event in any career rests to a very great degree subsequent opportunity and action.

Lack of opportunity can hardly be said to account for the condition or circumstances of any man, or of any community, town, city or nation, for even the desert may be made to bloom if the proper effort and energy is expended to that end.

C. H. WHITEHOUSE, Chmn., Press, Publicity and Pro. Com.

Editor CRITTENDEN RECORD, Marion, Ky.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that a Commercial Club has been recently organized for the benefit of our city and county, I believe it may be of interest to some of your readers to outline briefly some of the benefits that will result from such an organization.

It is unnecessary, beyond the mere statement of the fact, to say that with organized effort almost anything is possible, and without it practically nothing.

It follows then that if our citizens will take hold of this movement and work together as one man, all those things we have long desired but seem very unlikely, under present conditions to attain will become realities. Good roads, paved sidewalks, water works, new industries and best of all a happy, industrious and prosperous city are ours. These will all be ours if we will forget our little differences of opinion and all strive for the greatest good to the greatest number.

Yours very truly,

H. H. SAYRE.

WEDDINGS GALORE!

The Entire Community Seems Stricken With a Matrimonial Epidemic.

ATTRIBUTED TO LEAP-YEAR.

Roy Gilbert, who for some time has been the popular salesman in Gilbert & Hicklin's grocery, and Miss Edna Moore, the attractive and popular daughter of Mrs. R. A. Moore, were united in marriage Wednesday evening at the bride's home. Rev. J. R. McAfee officiated. While it was expected that this couple would marry soon, their plans had been kept a secret and Wednesday evening when they entered the opera house it would have been a little surprised for their closest friends had it then been announced that they were married. The bride and groom were both born and reared here and belong to the most popular circles. Thursday afternoon a concourse of their friends prepared a gift-shower party and besieged them, each leaving a blessing.

The pathway of this happy couple bids fair to receive its share of roses and for one, the Record drops therein its best wishes.

Vinson-Coleman.

Tom Vinson and Miss Ada Coleman, of Creswell, were here Tuesday night on their way to Elizabethtown, Ill., to get married. They were accompanied by Monroe Coleman and Miss Lizzie Vinson, another young couple of Creswell. The party arrived here at 7 o'clock and were immediately driven to Elizabethtown, where the ceremony was performed. Returning they reached here about 1:30 a. m., Wednesday, and about two o'clock they took their departure for Creswell.

The afternoon before the runaway the groom had asked the girl's father for his consent to the marriage, but it was withheld, whereupon the young man informed the parent that he would steal the girl. The mother being away on a visit, the father at once left to inform her of the situation and to have her return that a runaway might be prevented. Being equal to the emergency and on the alert, the young couple took French leave during the absence of the father, and after being married they returned to the old folks at home for the forgiveness and blessings which they doubtless deserve.

Yandell-Whitt.

Jas. Milton Yandell and Miss Nora Gray Whitt were married Wednesday at the bride's home and in the presence of many friends.

Rev. Jas. F. Price, of this city, performed the ceremony.

The groom is a young man of many valuable qualities. He is a half-brother to W. B. Yandell and T. J. Yandell and he is a son of Jno. Yandell, Sr., who is one of the most prominent citizens of the county and a leading farmer of the Frances neighborhood where he resides. The groom is well known. He has gained much valuable knowledge from extensive travels in the West.

The bride is the daughter of Geo. Whitt, of Frances, who is one of our best citizens, a farmer, and who is noted for his successful truck gardening. She is accomplished, attractive and possesses a sweet disposition.

Yandell-Hill.

Dave Yandell and Miss Addie Hill, both of the Chapel Hill neighborhood, were married Wednesday at the home of the bride in the presence of a host of friends. Rev. A. J. Thomson officiating. They are very popular and their future bids fair to be a bright and happy one.

The groom who is a farmer, possesses many sterling qualities and is a son of T. J. Yandell, Sr., a leading citizen of the county.

The bride is the daughter of T. M. Hill who is also a farmer and one of our best citizens. She is attractive and beautiful and possesses many happy qualities.

Till Christmas

REMEMBER Our Great Closing Out Sale will continue until Christmas. Since the sale began, one week ago, our trade has been immense. We have sold wagon loads of goods every day during this sale, but our big stock is yet practically unbroken.

Read Again this Eloquent and Unanswerable Argument—
The Hard, Cold, Naked Prices, and you'll be convinced that this is the place to buy your goods.

CLOTHING

\$ 5.00 Suits for \$3.50
7.50 Suits for 5.00
8.50 " 6.00
10.00 " 7.00
12.00 " 8.50

Like bargains in Boys Suits, separate pants or anything in Clothing we will positively save you 25 to 50 per cent.

Ladies Jackets

\$4.00 Jackets \$2.75
5.00 " 3.75
6.00 " 4.25
10.00 " 6.50

SHOES

Any of our regular \$1.00 Shoes in Mens or Womans for 80c
A line of Womans heavy winter Shoes worth \$1.50 for 98c.

Womans Fine Shoes; extension soles, splendid \$1.50 value for \$1.15

Ladies \$2.00 Fine Shoes \$1.65

" 2.50 " 1.95
Mens \$2.00 Fine Shoes for 1.65
" 2.50 " 1.98
" 3.50 " 2.50

A line of Misses School Shoes worth \$1.00 to \$1.25 for 75c.

DRY GOODS

Hoosier Brown Domestic 44c
Hope Bleached Domestic 64c
The best Flannellets 8c
The best Outing Flannels 8c

Apron Gingham 44c
Good Cotton Checks 44c
Canton Flannels 44c

The best calicoes 4, 4 1/2 and 5 cents

Any of our regular 25c to 35c line of Dress Goods for 18, 19 and 20 cts.

Any of our regular 50c line of Dress Goods for 39c

Our line of \$1.00 Dress Goods for 63c to 80c.

HATS: 50c Hats 39c. \$1.00 Hats for 75c. \$1.50 Hats for 98c to \$1.15 \$2.00 to \$2.50 Hats for \$1.50 to \$1.75

Any 25c. article in our store for 20c. Any 50c. article for 39c. Absolutely nothing in our big stock reserved, everything will be sold at prices that cannot be matched in any other store.

CLIFTONS.

Foster-Thompson.

August 2nd, 1903, Russell T. Foster and Miss Nora Thompson, both of Lola, were married at Elizabethtown, Ill. They returned to their respective homes and made no announcement of the affair. Time passed on and Mr. Foster engaged in the mercantile business, but after following it a few months he decided to go back to the farm where he at once began to build a residence and it is needless to say some thought that there would soon be a wedding. The wedding, however, failed to show up, but there was a greater surprise in store for the most alert devotees of match making. It came this way: The firm with which Mr. Foster was associated in business for some reason unknown to the writer, failed to satisfy certain claims against it by wholesale houses, hence the claims having been made while Mr. Foster was associated with the firm, the creditors looked him up and were proceeding to make good out of his personality whereupon he produced his marriage certificate and therefore under the laws of Kentucky he was exempt from the claims on his personality.

Saturday Mr. Foster claimed his bride of sixteen months and took her to his new home. Mr. Foster is a young man of many valuable qualities and will make a good husband for the wife that he has no doubt well chosen. He is the son of G. T. Foster who resides near Lola and is a brother of H. F. Foster, the barber here.

Berndt-Cannan.

Win. H. Berndt, of North Dakota, and Miss Edna Cannan, of this city, were united in marriage Wednesday at the bride's home. Rev. J. R. McAfee, pastor of the Methodist church officiating. The contracting parties were unknown correspondents and until a few days ago when the groom arrived in the city they had not seen each other. The groom is a well-to-do farmer in his native state and the bride is the accomplished daughter of Geo. Cannan, a good citizen of our town.

Wilson-Hubbard.

License were issued Thanksgiving day for Henry Wilson to wed

Mrs. Ellie Hubbard, both of Creswell, Caldwell county. It is the first venture for the groom and the third for the bride.

Albert Weldon Dead.

Another prominent citizen of this county was taken away Sunday when the life of Albert Weldon passed. He died of consumption. For many years Mr. Weldon was engaged in the farming and the mercantile business at Tolu. For more than 20 years he sold goods at Tolu and was known as the pioneer merchant of that place. The last few years, however, Mr. Weldon had given his attention to his farming interests.

He owned a very fine farm on the river at Tolu besides two other good farms back in the country. It was just about three months ago that he moved his family to this place.

Mr. Weldon was an influential Democrat and his party had several times honored him by making him their standard bearer for the most important offices in the county.

His full name was Lorenzo Albert Weldon and he was born Nov. 26, 1847, and died Nov. 20, 1904. He just lacked six days being 57 years of age when he died.

He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Mary Champion. To this union was born three children all of whom survive. They are: W. N. Weldon, of Tolu, County Court Clerk C. E. Weldon, and Mrs. C. R. Babb, of Salem. His second wife who survives him was Miss Ellen Beard. This union was blessed by the following children: Arba, wife of C. B. Hina who is associated with the Marion Hardware Co. at this place. Simpson, of this place, Charles, of Tolu, and Misses Lena and Sallie who resided with their parents.

Mr. Weldon was a devoted christian and belonged to the Baptist church. In his death the community loses a good neighbor, the county a good citizen and his church a faithful follower.

Any one wishing to per year make contract for cheap meat and choice meat, we will be glad to have call on us.

R. SCHWAB.

Killed in Coal Mines.

John Bice, 17 years of age and son of Mrs. Sid Bice, of Fredonia, was killed Saturday morning in the coal mines at Mt. Vernon, Ind. He was working at the bottom of the shaft with his brother. They were engaged near the elevator that was used for general hoisting purposes. The platform was resting on the bottom. Young Bice was in the act of stepping on the platform when it instantly ascended, crushing young Bice's body against the wall of the shaft.

Young Bice is well known here and is a half-brother to Mrs. J. M. Freeman, of this city.

His body was shipped to Fredonia where it was interred Monday

Card of Thanks.

We desire to take this method of extending our sincere thanks to all our neighbors and friends for the kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father and especially do we wish to thank Mrs. Geo. M. Crider and Mrs. W. B. Yandell.

Mrs. L. A. WELDON AND FAMILY.

Get our prices on guns, shells, etc. We can save you money.

Marion Hardware Co.

COMING!



Dr. C. L. Gray, the well known O-tic Specialist of Paducah, will be at the New Marion hotel Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 1st, 2nd, 3rd—three days only this trip. Do not fail to see him about your eyes when he comes. He can fit you with the proper glasses to relieve you of any nervous trouble caused from eye strain, guarantee satisfaction in every case and makes no charges for consultation and examination.